



Welcome to Worship

Sunday 20th October 2019

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

New to Church? We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

Children's Ministry - Children are an important part of all we do.

In the second half of the meeting during the teaching time a program is available for children. ***The children's group***, 3 to 9 years old, will meet in Classroom 3. ***Pre-teens***, over 9 years old, will meet in the Crèche room opposite the hall entrance. This will be a time of interactive fun and teaching at their level so they too can understand the things concerning Jesus. You are **free as families** to send your children to that program **or** to keep them in the main meeting. We encourage children to be part of the main meeting as we believe God's heart for them is large and they too are able to learn the great things of the Christian faith. **There are worksheets available at the back for use during the message if you find this helpful.**

Crèche: AREA 1 – This is available for **0 to 2 year olds**, during the sermon time, in the room on the right hand side of the building directly opposite the hall entrance. The person running the crèche will be waiting and available at the back of the hall. If they are not there then they will already be serving in the crèche room. **AREA 2** - The back part of the meeting room also has a child-friendly area where parents can feel a little more relaxed with their small children but still join in the worship.

Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.

Call to Worship Isaiah 43:1-3a¹

1. But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel. “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine,
2. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
3. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Prayer of Adoration and confession

Songs of Adoration & Praise - Here I Am To Worship

Author: Tim Hughes

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

And You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came

To the earth You created

¹ All passages of scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

All for love's sake became poor
So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Authors: Frederick Henry Hedge, Martin Luther, Tommy Walker

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

And though this world
With devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear
For God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing

Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

A meditation on grace Romans 8:18, 28, 38-39

18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.....

28) And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.... 38) For I am sure that neither death nor life, not angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39) nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A corporate thanksgiving for grace Psalm 116:1-9

1. I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
2. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
3. The cords of death entangle me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
4. Then I called on the name of the Lord: Lord, save me!"
5. The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
6. The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.
7. Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.
8. For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
9. that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Song of Praise - Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us praise the Saviour's name

He has hushed the Law's loud thunder

He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

He has washed us with his blood

He has washed us with his blood

He has washed us with his blood

He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us

Pitied us when enemies

Called us by his grace and taught us

Gave us ears and gave us eyes

He has washed us with his blood

He has washed us with his blood

He has washed us with his blood

He presents us whole to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation

Threatens hard to bear us down

For the Lord, our strong salvation,

Holds in view the conqueror's crown

He has washed us with his blood

He has washed us with his blood

He has washed us with his blood

He will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice

Join and point to mercy's store

When through grace in Christ our trust is

Justice smiles and asks no more

You have washed us with your blood

You have washed us with your blood

You have washed us with your blood

You secured our way to God.

Pastoral Prayer

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though the Pastor is the one who prays aloud we can all pray together and express in our hearts the things that we want to bring to a gracious God. In this way, too, we practise love and care for one another.

Scripture Readings - Judges 2:11-19 (pg. 201), Judges 21:25 (pg. 221), Ruth 1 (Pg. 222) in the church bible.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word - Jesus I Come

Author: William Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,

Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Dedication of offering and prayer for children.

Giving to the Lord is a free will offering from the hearts of those who believe in Jesus for salvation. No one will be asked to give; this is simply between you and the Lord. That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote (pg 15) for further information about the offering.

Message Ruth 1:1-5 *“Grace remains in the worst of times”.*

There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions.

INTRODUCTION

1. BAD CIRCUMSTANCES – verse 1

- a. “In the days when the Judges ruled”
- b. There was a famine
- c. Even our small lives matter: hairs and sparrows

2. BAD CHOICES – Verse 1-2

- a. Bethlehem
- b. Moab
- c. “Elimelech”

3. CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES – verse 3 - 5

- a. From bad to worse

- b. Choices we make

4. CHOICES, CIRCUMSTANCES & THE GOD OF UNRELENTING GRACE

- a. Foolish choices – danger, God at work!
- b. Difficult circumstances – glory, God at work!

Closing Song - All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Author: Edward Parronet

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION²

² Benediction: literally, “good word” or “speak well”; a verbal blessing pronounced in God's name by the Pastor, at the conclusion of the service, sending us forth from this special time as we continue our lives seeking to know and follow Jesus.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading: Judges 2:11-19, 21:25, Ruth 1

How could we view the times we live in as similar to the era in the Book of Ruth?

Are we prone to make major decisions without thought for their spiritual consequences or the implications for our families and children?

Where are the fields of Moab for us?

What hope and encouragement does God give you in the Book of Ruth? How is His grace “unrelenting”, to Ruth to us?

Some thoughts:

Here too there is hope for us; even for those who have chosen their way of rebellion and persisted for a long time in the way of rebellion, there is still a way home; In the grace of God, the road to nowhere may yet turn out to be the first leg of the long journey home.

Ian M. Duguid, Esther and Ruth, Reformed Expository Commentary, R & R, 2005, pg 137

No matter what we have done and how long we have done it, there are forgiveness and hope for us. Indeed, the very fact that we have come, whether willingly or unwillingly, to see the emptiness of the fields of Moab is itself a hopeful sign of the Lord's work in our hearts.

Duguid, p 137

The father of the prodigal son did not sit in his living room with his feet up, waiting for the errant son to come crawling home on his hands and knees. On the contrary, he ran to meet him on the road (Luke 15:20).

So too God has not left us to make the journey home along. In Christ,
God comes running to meet us.

Duguid, P 138

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is how interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

William Cowper 1774

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

When Sunday evenings, 7:30 pm

Where 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact Peter Boyd

Meets for bring and share lunch, last Sunday of the month – **next week 27th**.

Pinehill

When Thursdays – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) of the month, 7:00 pm

Where Bruner's home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill

Contact Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, 3rd November

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15pm, 23rd October – **This Week** (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact Peter Boyd

Invitations from Covenant Presbyterian Church

What An invitation to the "*Covenant Youth's Survivor Camp*"

When 6th to the 8th December

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/covenantyouthcamp2019>.

Cost \$50 **Check flyer on the back table**

Men's ministry

- What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
Looking at the issues and challenges facing men today in light of the Gospel of Christ.
- When** **Thursday the 14th November**, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)
- Where** Steve Bilton's, 2/11 Regatta Road, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978 or Steve 022 647 0931

Women's Ministry

- What** *Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship – all ages*
- When** Currently on break for October
- Where** **TBA**

- Also Ladies Christmas Event – Mark your diaries for 7th December
- Women's Retreat in 2020 – watch this space for updates

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 27th October 2019 (Labour Weekend)						
SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Lydia Song	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis & Song Family Jesse Son	Volunteers	Volunteers

Shore Presbyterian Church Giving Information⁴

⁴ Throughout the Bible the giving of tithes and offerings has always been seen as a part of the believer's worship to God. Apart from other charitable giving it's important for Christians to help financially sustain the ministry of the local church they are a part of. If you wish to become a regular giver at Shore Presbyterian, please see our Treasurer Cathy Tasker who can provide you with a number so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year. There are two ways to give: you can place your offering in the box in the entrance. If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year you can put the offering in an envelope with your number on it. You can also give online through automatic deposit. The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00. Make sure you record your number with the deposit.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Peter Boyd (021 0367 957 or petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker (cathytasker@gmail.com).

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